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Letter dated 7 January 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 16 December 2004, addressed to you (A/59/627-S/2004/980), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 16, 18 through 22 and 29 December 2004, on 12, 15, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 31 January 2005 and on 1 February 2005, as follows.

On 16 December 2004, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of Nicosia, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, and then later at the illegal airport of Krini, where it remained.

On 18 and 19 December 2004, four (4) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, carried out a total of four (4) violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) One (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Apostolos Andreas in a search and rescue mission.

(b) The other three (3) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Morfou, Mesaoria and Karpasia, before landing at the same airport.

On 20 December 2004, two (2) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, one (1) B-200 and one (1) Cougar, entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of three (3) violations of international air traffic regulations and two (2) violations of the national airspace of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of the two (2) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in the opposite direction.

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(b) The B-200 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou.

(c) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Morfou and over the Kokkina pocket, before landing at the same airport.

On 20 and 21 December 2004, one (1) B-200 Turkish military aircraft and two (2) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, carried out a total of two (2) violations of international air traffic regulations and one (1) violation of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The B-200 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The formation of F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in the opposite direction.

On 21 and 22 December 2004, two (2) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation and one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft, carried out a total of three (3) violations of international air traffic regulations and two (2) violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in the opposite direction.

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 29 December 2004, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 12 January 2005, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft and one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where they departed on the same day in the opposite direction.

On 15 January 2005, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the

illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 22 January 2005, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini, where it remained.

On 25 January 2005, two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, carried out a total of three (3) violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The second Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Mesaoria and Ammochostos, before landing at the same airport.

On 26 January 2005, a total of six (6) F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in two (2) formations (1X4, 1X2), one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of five (5) violations of international air traffic regulations and three (3) violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first formation (1X4) of F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming from a westerly direction entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The second formation (1X2) of F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(c) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 28 January 2005, four (4) F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, and two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of four (4) violations of international air traffic regulations and three (3) violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in a westerly direction.

(b) The first Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of

Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day in the opposite direction.

(c) The second Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the occupied area of Kyrenia, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Morfou, Cape Kormakitis and Kyrenia, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 29 January 2005, two (2) Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airports of Krini and Tymbou respectively, carrying out a total of two (2) violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Morfou and the Kokkina pocket, before landing at the same airport.

(b) The second Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 31 January 2005, two (2) F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, and one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out two (2) violations of international air traffic regulations and one (1) violation of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of the two (2) F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before departing in the opposite direction.

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Morfou, before landing at the Kokkina pocket, from where it took off and landed at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 1 February 2005, eight (8) Turkish military aircraft [two (2) F-16 and two (2) F-4] coming in two formations from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out two (2) violations of international air traffic regulations, before departing in the opposite direction.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest the above violations and call for their immediate cessation. The Government of Turkey should respect international law and air traffic regulations and refrain from actions which seriously endanger international civil aviation. The Government of Turkey should also heed the call of the international community and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and contribute to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of progress to the long-standing political problem in Cyprus.

In the wake of the decision of the European Council on 17 December 2004 to open accession negotiations with Turkey in the autumn of this year, we earnestly believed that we could expect a more constructive and less arrogant and threatening behaviour by Turkey, a country which aspires to be a member of the European

Union. It is high time that Turkey heeds the message of times and starts behaving in accordance with accepted principles and standards.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

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